STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott Temple

Jim Fine

Travis Manceaux

Craig Stevens

Members Dodie Adams and Frank Morse were absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Elaine Riggins, Tarah Revette, Lowana Cola, Maranda Legaux, John Dixon, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; and Whitney McKee recording the minutes.

Mr. Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 16, 2021, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert introduced guest Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were received from the public to address the Licensing Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Carrie Morgan and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department for the board were sworn in.

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

* 1. R L Blanton Construction, Inc., Natchez, Mississippi – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by R L BLANTON CONSTRUCTION, INC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Danny Jamison d/b/a Millennium Building and Remodeling Services, Shreveport, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of DANNY JAMISON D/B/A MILLENNIUM BUILDING AND REMODELING SERVICES. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Temple made a motion to find DANNY JAMISON D/B/A MILLENNIUM BUILDING AND REMODELING SERVICES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. All Star Premier Homes, L.L.C., Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by ALL STAR PREMIER HOMES, L.L.C. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Woodrow Taylor, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37: 2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Woodrow Taylor was present and was sworn in. Mr. Taylor entered a denial plea. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor provided an affidavit into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Temple made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Eric Frank d/b/a Taylor’s Concrete & Property Maintenance, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ERIC FRANK D/B/A TAYLOR’S CONCRETE & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Fine made a motion to find ERIC FRANK D/B/A TAYLOR’S CONCRETE & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, to be in violation and to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Chad Gleason, Bossier City, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. CHAD GLEASON was present and was sworn in. Mr. Gleason entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Gleason gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Gleason. Brad Hassert provided additional testimony to the board. Mr. Temple made a motion to find CHAD GLEASON to be in violation and to assess an administrative penalty of a $500 fine plus $500 in administrative costs. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. GEM Construction Group, LLC, Slidell, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by GEM CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. DMS General Construction L.L.C., New Orleans, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Dennis Shelton was present and was sworn in. Mr. Shelton entered a denial plea. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Shelton. Mr. Shelton gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Shelton. Mr. Shelton gave an additional statement. Mr. Landreneau requested that this matter be continued. Mr. Fine made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

* 1. Best in the Business Construction Company LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

 Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of BEST IN THE BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Temple made a motion to find BEST IN THE BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed

* 1. Zion Custom Works LLC, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ZION CUSTOM WORKS LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Fine made a motion to find ZION CUSTOM WORKS LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed

* 1. Breaux’s Heating & Air Conditioning Service Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2185(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Attorney John Brumfield and Billy Breaux were present on behalf of BREAUX’S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE INC. Mr. Breaux was sworn in. Mr. Brumfield entered a denial plea. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Brumfield. Mr Brumfield gave a statement. The board questioned Mr. Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Fine made a motion to dismiss this matter. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

E. STATUTORY CITATIONS:

Ms. Morgan presented the statutory citations. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the statutory citations as presented. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

F. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:

1. Kermit Joey Leger d/b/a Cajun Roofing LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of Kermit Joey Leger d/b/a Cajun Roofing LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony for the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Fine made a motion to find Kermit Joey Leger d/b/a Cajun Roofing LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus $1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

G. REQUESTS FOR REHEARING:

1. Roger’s Avelino Martinez Construction LLC, Metairie, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Roger Martinez was present on behalf of ROGER’S AVELINO MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Martinez gave a statement regarding the rehearing request. Mr. Fine made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Martinez entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Landreneau questioned Mr. Martinez. Mr. Martinez gave a statement. The board questioned Mr. Martinez. Mr. Fine made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of $1000 fine plus $500 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a $500 fine plus $500 in administrative costs if the company obtains a proper license within 120 days. Mr. Stevens seconded. The motion passed.

1. Cajun Roofing Specialist LLC, Eunice, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

No one was present on behalf of CAJUN ROOFING SPECIALIST LLC. Mr. Landreneau questioned Ms. Morgan to confirm service of the hearing notice. Mr. Fine made a motion to deny the rehearing request for CAJUN ROOFING SPECIALIST LLC. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

1. Vazquez Construction Group, LLC, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2159(B)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Moises Anselmo was present on behalf of Isaias Vasquez to act as an interpreter for this matter and was sworn in. Mr. Isaias Vasquez was present on behalf of VAZQUEZ CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Fine made a motion to grant the rehearing request. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Vasquez entered a no contest plea. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Fine made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of $500 in administrative costs only. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

1. Veronica Del Olmo, Lafayette, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)
2. Accu-Builders, Inc., Saint Gabriel, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations for matters 4 and 5. Mr. Hassert stated that these rehearing requests were requested by staff and both matters have settlement offers to be presented. Mr. Fine made a motion to grant the rehearing requests for matters 4 and 5. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by VERONICA DEL OLMO. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Morgan read the settlement offer presented by ACCU-BUILDERS, INC. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Manceaux seconded. The motion passed.

H. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 5)

 Mr. Fine made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

I. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-10)

Mr. Fine made a motion to approve the new residential applications as listed on the agenda. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

J. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 11-17)

Mr. Fine made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fine made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., and Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, Chairman

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 Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman